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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL ON CYPRUS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MAY 12 NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL
ENTITLED "TIME FOR COMPROMISE ON CYPRUS":

BEGIN TEXT

SOME THREE WEEKS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY SUBMITTED NEW PROPOSALS FOR RESOLVING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. BUT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS REFUSE EVEN TO COME TO THE TABLE TO DISCUSS THEM. THE IMPRESSION SPREADS THAT THE GREEKS ARE COUNTING ON THE PARTIAL EMBARGO ON AMERICAN ARMS SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY TO INDUCE A STILL BETTER OFFER. THEY SHOULD BE DISSUADED FROM ANY SUCH CALCULATION.

WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE ARMS EMBARGO FOR THE NARROW PURPOSE OF PERSUADING TURKEY TO EXPRESS ITS WILLINGNESS TO PULL BACK ITS TROOPS ON THE ISLAND. THAT, IN TURN, WOULD PERMIT A MORE EQUITABLE DIVISION OF ITS TERRITORY BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH COMMUNITIES. THE EMBARGO SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, BECOME AN OBSTACLE TO NEGOTIATION OR A SCREEN TO PROTECT UNREALISTIC DEMANDS. THERE IS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION IN THE TURKISH PLAN AND IF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS PERSIST

IN REFUSING TO TAKE IT SERIOUSLY, CONGRESS SHOULD LIFT THE EMBARGO AS THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS ALREADY REQUESTED. THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WAS WISE YESTERDAY TO RESIST A CHANGE, FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD BE WISE NOT TO MISINTERPRET THE VOTE.

THE TURKISH PROPOSAL IS UNDERSTANDABLY DISAPPOINTING TO
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THE GREEKS. IF OFFERS ONLY MINOR TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS AND IT WOULD LEAVE WELL OVER A THIRD OF THE ISLAND IN THE HANDS OF THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT ONE-FIFTH OF THE POPULATION. BUT ON THE EQUALLY IMPORTANT QUESTION OF HOW TO DIVIDE POLITICAL POWER, THE TURKS OFFER THE ONLY SOLUTION--SHORT OF COMPLETE PARTITION--THAT PROMISES TO LET THE TWO COMMUNITIES LIVE PEACEABLY SIDE BY SIDE: A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WITH MINIMAL POWERS EQUALLY SHARED BY THE TWO ETHNIC GROUPS.

IN REFUSING EVEN TO TALK ON THAT BASIS, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS SEEK TO TURN BACK THE CLOCK TO A TIME WHEN THEIR MAJORITY COULD PREVAIL OVER THE TURKISH MINORITY, NOTABLY UNDER THE 1960 CONSTITUTION. BUT IT IS AN ARTICLE OF FAITH AMONG TURKISH CYPRIOTS THAT, AFTER THE INJUSTICES THEY FELT THEY SUFFERED FROM 1960 UNTIL THEIR "LIBERATION" BY TURKEY'S INVASION IN 1974, THEY SHOULD NEVER AGAIN SUBJECT THEMSELVES TO GREEK AUTHORITY.

THAT SOME KIND OF SHARED AUTHORITY WOULD BE NECESSARY WAS RECOGNIZED EVEN BY THE LATE GREEK CYPRIOT LEADER, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS. HE FORMALLY CONCEDED A FEW MONTHS BEFORE

HIS DEATH THAT CYPRUS WOULD HAVE TO BECOME BOTH BI-COMMUNAL AND FEDERAL. THE TURKISH PROPOSAL BUILDS ON THIS BY PRO-POSING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF SEPARATENESS. A MINIMAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD MANAGE FOREIGN POLICY AND DEFENSE, A COMMON CURRENCY AND THE COORDINATION OF ISLAND-WIDE PROGRAMS AND BUSINESSES LIKE TOURISM; ALL OTHER FUNCTIONS WOULD BE LEFT TO THE TWO FEDERATED STATES AND EACH WOULD RETAIN A VETO OVER FEDERAL DECISIONS THROUGH A PROCESS OF EQUAL REPRESENTATION.

THOUGH THEY AGREE TO FEDERATION IN PRINCIPLE, IT IS THIS VETO, ABOVE ALL, THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS FIND UNACCEPTABLE. THEY STILL COUNT ON THE WEIGHT OF NUMBERS. BUT IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW A FEDERATION OF ONLY TWO ELEMENTS COULD WORK
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WITHOUT A VETO, AT LEAST WHILE MISTRUST RUNS SO DEEP. IF THEY ARE TO WORK TOGETHER AT ALL, THE TWO COMMUNITIES WILL HAVE TO HAVE POLITICAL EQUALITY DESPITE THE GREAT DISPARITY IN THEIR POPULATIONS.

THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS SAY THAT EVERYTHING ABOUT THEIR PRO-POSAL IS NEGOTIABLE. BUT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THEY CAN BE MOVED VERY FAR FROM THE OUTLINES OF THEIR PROPOSED CONSTITUTION. NOR SHOULD THEY BE. THERE IS NO REASON, HOWEVER, WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE PRESSED TO YIELD MORE TERRITORY. THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH MORE UNTIL THEY ENGAGE THE TURKS IN SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS. THOSE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD PROCEED AND IF THE AMERICAN EMBARGO NOW GETS IN THE WAY, IT SHOULD BE REMOVED. END TEXT. VANCE

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